

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS,

FOR

An alteration of the law for the adjudication of unconfirmed French and Spanish claims, so that, where they conflict with the claims of actual settlers, who would otherwise be entitled to a right of pre-emption, the settler may be allowed to enter his improvement in legal subdivisions, and the claimant be allowed to enter the same quantity on another portion of the public lands; and, also, that the Bowie claims, when confirmed by the supreme court of the late Territory of Arkansas, and passed into the hands of innocent purchasers, previously to having been adjudged fraudulent, may be confirmed.

JANUARY 8, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative requested, to procure an amendment to the late law of Congress for the adjudication of unconfirmed French and Spanish land claims; so extending its provisions that, whenever it may happen, in any case, that the lands decreed to any claimant in this State shall have been settled and cultivated by any occupant, so as to have been entitled, in the absence of such claim, to a pre-emption right, under any of the acts of Congress, in such case it shall be lawful for such occupant, or his legal representatives, to enter at the proper land office, at the minimum government price of public land, a sufficient quantity of such land, in one or more legal subdivisions, to embrace the improvement of such occupant, and no more; and that the party in whose favor the decree may go, shall, in lieu thereof, be authorized to enter a like quantity of any unimproved public lands in the same district. And also, that whenever it may happen that the land decreed to any claimant shall include any sixteenth section, the citizens of the proper township may be authorized to select a like quantity of land, in the same land district, for school purposes.

And be it further resolved, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representative requested, to use their best exertions to obtain the passage of a law, providing, that in all cases of that class of claims commonly called Bowie claims, suspended or adjudged fraudulent in this State, where they have been previously confirmed by the superior court of the late Territory

of Arkansas, and passed into the hands of third persons, who were innocent purchasers, the lands covered by such claims shall be confirmed by law to such innocent purchasers, their heirs or assigns; or that they shall be allowed to enter the same, at the minimum government price of the public lands.

JOHN S. ROANE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN WILLIAMSON,
President of the Senate.

Approved, January 9, 1845.

THOS. S. DREW.

A true copy :

D. B. GREER,
Secretary of State.

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